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In re application of:  
Gerard T. Hardiman *et al.*

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Title:  
HUMAN RECEPTOR PROTEINS;  
RELATED REAGENTS  
AND METHODS**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**Kenilworth, NJ 07033  
January 29, 2003Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003 in the above-referenced application, having a shortened statutory period set to expire October 29, 2003 and an extended statutory period set to expire January 29, 2004. Applicants hereby petition the Office for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Action and submit herewith form PTO/SB/22, which authorizes the Office to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to applicants' deposit account.

Please amend the application captioned above as follows: